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SUBJECT: FAO COUNCIL MEETING, JULY 12-16: DEVELOPED COUNTRY
CONSULTATIONS

1. FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL SAOUMA IS TO SPEAK TO OECD/DAC DEL-
EGATIONS AT 9 AM, JULY 12, BEFORE CONVENING OF FAO COUNCIL MEETING.
HE HAS INDICATED HE WANTS TO TALK ABOUT A) WORKING PARTY ON
COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE FAO COUNCIL AND COMM-
ITTEES, AND B) HIS REVISED PROGRAM OF WORK AND BUDGET.

2. STRUCTURE OF CONSULTATION DURING COUNCIL MEETING HAS BEEN LEFT
OPEN. WITH DEPARTURE OF TUINMAN OF NETHERLANDS, THERE IS NO
CONVENER OR CHAIRMAN DECIDED UPON FOR OECD/DAC GROUP, WHICH WAS
USED MAINLY IN WORLD FOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS. UK AND US-CO-CHAIRMEN
OF GENEVA GROUP BELIEVE GENEVA GROUP COUNTRIES ARE MOST APPROP-
RIATE STRUCTURE OF CONSULTATION FOR FAO COUNCIL MEETING CONCERNED
MAINLY WITH SAOUMA'S PROPOSED REVISIONS IN PROGRAM OF WORK AND
BUDGET. IN MEETING OF JULY 2 OF GENEVA GROUP IN ROME, QUESTION
WAS RAISED AS TO WHETHER ANY FURTHER GENEVA GROUP MEETINGS
SHOULD BE SCHEDULED IN INTERIM BEFORE FAO COUNCIL MEETING,
OR ON EVE OF COUNCIL MEETING. MOST REPRESENTATIVES ARE NOT YET
FULLY INSTRUCTED ON ISSUES BY THEIR CAPITALS. (SEPARATE TELE-
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GRAM OF JULY 2 MEETING OF GENEVA GROUP IN ROME REPORTS THEIR

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BEST PRESENT ASSESSMENT OF VIEWS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS). AT SUGGESTION OF GERMAN SPOKESMAN, CONSULTATION WAS LEFT OPEN TO AD HOC ARRANGEMENTS.

3. PRINCIPAL DELEGATES TO FAO COUNCIL MEETING AMMOUNCED IN JULY 2 GENEVA GROUP MEETING ARE: FRANCE--LOUIS VELAY, INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF AGRICULTURE, AND GERARD WEILL, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE INTERMINISTERIAL FAO COMMITTEE; GERMANY--FRANZ-JOSEPH SPECKS, WOLFGANG GRABISCH, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE; NETHERLANDS--A. STOFFELS, CABINET ADVISER ON FAO AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF AGR-ICULTURE; NEW ZEALAND--A.T. JOHNS, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (WHO IS VISITING CANBERRA BEFORE ATTENDING THE MEETING, TO BETTER REFLECT AUSTRALIAN AS WELL AS NEW ZEALAND VIEWS); AND UNITED KINGDOM--L.C.J. MARTIN, UNDER-SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT, AND GEORGE W. THOM, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT.VOLPE

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